## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		)	
		:	Examiner: J. Brier
HIDAKI OHSHIMA et al.		)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2672
Application No.: 09/176,274		)	
		:	Confirmation No.: 7987
Filed: October 21, 1998		)	
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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
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	AND COMPUTER-READABLE	)	
	MEMORY	:	Monday, November 20, 200

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: